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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Contral Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Reconvening of the Hyland Panel on the Status of the Soviet ICBM Program

- 1. Attached is a draft memorandum which we propose you send to the U.S. Intelligence Beard in order to reconvene the Hyland Panel.
- 2. You should be aware of two potential problem areas associated with the Panel prior to USIB consideration. First, there was a serious security leak involving our reassessment of the ICBM threat which occurred between the last Panel meeting and the issuance of NIE 11-8-61. It is suggested that you acquire the data thereon from the Office of Security; we have not seen their final report. Second, the Panel will be assessing the present status of the ICBM threat and, therefore, could easily become involved in the recent SAC and USIB controversy. It is recommended that the Hyland Panel not become directly involved in SAC versus USIB positions requiring separate detailed briefing on each, but that USIB member organizations present the evidence which could include the SAC reasoning and position.

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Assistant Director
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Dear Mr. Heires:

Washington 25, D. C.

As you lay down your responsibilities as Executive Secretary of the United States Intelligence Board, I wish to commend you for the exemplary service you have rendered the Board and the entire intelligence community during your period of service.

I note that you have been Secretary of the Board and its predecessor, the Intelligence Advisory Committee, for just under six years. This period has been one of crisis on the international scene and a substantial reorganisation throughout the intelligence community. All of this has entailed an increasing and intensified workload on the senior intelligence body. Your assiduous efforts to make the work of the Board proceed smoothly and expeditiously have been one of the key elements in enabling it to dispatch its responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council. You have repeatedly demonstrated a high order of intellect, tact and executive ability, and have been invariably quick to respond to extreme pressure of duty.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Intelligence Board, I extend to you thanks and best wishes in your assignment with the Agency for International Development.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your official file and will be made a part of the records of the United States Intelligence Board.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

John A. McCone Chairman

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